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1. The four ways by which the Chinese Communists convey government orders to the people are public notices, meetings, political classes, and propaganda. Wireless and courier services between government offices are used to transmit these orders from higher to lower levels before they are published.
2. Forms used for official correspondence are referred to by the standard terms: order (命令), directive (訓令), instruction (指令), substitute telegram (代電), report (報告), and notification (指示). Form is unimportant and communications between offices do not necessarily need the signature of the person in charge nor the official seal of the originating office. Often they are merely signed and chopped with the personal seal of the person handling the case. He may write on any kind of paper and use any wording provided his meaning is clear. These written documents are official and have the same force as if printed. The flexibility of the system makes for speed and simplicity.
3. Public notices, posted freely on walls and notice-boards, cover subjects too detailed to be memorized at one hearing. They are of traditional form and colloquial style.
4. The Communists have many meetings, ostensibly for the purpose of operating the machinery of democracy and training leaders. The meetings also afford a means of giving out orders, explaining them, and making them binding on the public quickly. An assembly of provincial representatives is held, under expert Communist chairmanship, and after carefully-managed discussion, certain resolutions are passed. When the participants return home they preside over local meetings and direct the discussion so that the same resolutions are passed again. This process continues to the lower levels, where the resolutions are passed by the street governments, women's unions, students' unions, and peasants' unions. Thus government orders are not only publicized, but they are presented in such a way that everyone seems to have voted for them.
5. Political classes for Party members and followers are usually weekly discussion groups on current events. Attending a political class is little different from listening to orders at indoctrination courses, but the Communists make the classes seem voluntary and democratic. The classes, held in spare time or on public holidays, usually last several hours. Holding these classes is considered very important in newly liberated areas and with new executive leaders, but has become a formality in old liberated areas and with old executive leaders.

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6. The Communists use every possible means of propaganda. Two publications, "History of the American Invasion of China" and its companion volume "Pictorial History of the American Invasion of China", divide American aggression against China into three periods. These are from the Opium Wars to 1937, when America helped other imperialist powers to invade China; from 1937-1945, when America competed with other imperialist powers in invading China; and from 1945 to the present, when America has ~~herself~~ invaded China.

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